Approved Minutes
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Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia
Minutes
February 19, 2026
Moore Cabin, Lexington Virginia

Welcome
President Saffelle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:
Don Bowman, BVU; Kevin Divers, Salem; Durwin Joyce, City of Martinsville; Tim Logwood, City of Radford; Nate Meadows, City of Salem; Zach Nyce, HEC; Brian O'Dell, HEC; Travis Petty, Town of Front Royal; Carey Saffelle, Town of Front Royal; Caitlin Schlueter, City of Martinsville; Eric Tatum, Va Tech; Zach Wright, City of Franklin.

Sandra Harrington, MEPAV Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Thomas Dick, Legislative Consultant

Approval of the November 13, 2025 Minutes
Brian Odell made a motion to approve the November 13, 2025 seconded by Durwin Joyce, the motion was unanimously approved.

Report of the President
President Saffelle discussed the upcoming budget process, indicating Tom Dicks contract built in a 3% increase for the proposed FY27 Budget, other items will be discussed under Association business.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
Financials thru December 31, 2025 were discussed under Association Business/FY27 Budget

Report of the Engineering and Operations Committee
Travis Petty discussed possible dates and locations for the 2026 E&O Fall Conference.
Sandy Harrington to follow up with Va Tech and Harrisonburg regarding Oct14/15 or dates that week.

Association Business
The fee for the Annual meeting was set at $75 per person (guests no charge).

The group reviewed the draft Annual Conference Agenda and discussed additional topics, Carey Saffelle and Brian O'Dell to follow-up with potential speakers and provide to Sandy Harrington for the final agenda.

Sandy Harrington provided an update on the Associate Membership drive for 2026, indicating there were (61) Associate Members signed up which was an increase from the prior year.
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Sandy Harrington reviewed the financials thru December 31 2025 and provided a proposed FY27 Budget for consideration. The final propose budget will be presented at the May 22, 2026 Board meeting for approval.

Carey Saffell reviewed upcoming meeting dates to include Executive Committee meeting on April 9, 2026 (virtual); May 20-22, 2026 Annual Conference, Board Meeting and Annual Business Meeting; and Board meetings August 13, 2026, December 3, 2026 and March 4, 2027 Moore Cabin, Lexington, Virginia.

Legislative Update

Carey Saffelle thanked Tom Dick from AMP, indicating they were appreciative of Tom's efforts Tom Dick reported on General Assembly legislative activity. He noted that Budget Bill for the current year ending June 30, 2026, was amended by the Senate to require state participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). He provided a copy of the proposed Budget amendment language. He said was working to see that PJM legislation requiring reporting of all PJM workgroup votes did not apply to American Municipal Power (AMP). He noted it did not apply to the municipal electrics. He said the "balcony" solar bill was being amended to address concerns about safety.

Legislation requiring the reporting of certain information about utility disconnections of residential customers for non-payment to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) was limited to the investor-owned utilities and the cooperatives. The measure had a delayed effective date until July 1, 2027, to allow the SCC time to set up a "dashboard" summarizing this data for each utility. He reported on changes to the Percentage of Income Payment Program impacting Dominion and APCO.

He said that legislation mandating collective bargaining for local government employees was likely to pass. Legislation setting up a retail market for cannabis sales was also likely to pass. He also said that legislation to require local governments to change their Internet domain to .gov had been introduced and was a concern to many localities and public bodies that would be affected. He distributed a bill tracking paper showing the status of action taken on energy-related legislation.

Adjournment

Kevin Divers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Logwood, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.